

REMARKS

Claims 4, 8-9, 15, and 19-29 are pending in this case. New claims 23-29 have been added, which are supported by the original specification including the claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the subject application be reconsidered in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.


Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 4, 8-9, 11, 15-16, and 19-22 and discussing possible amendments to the claims with applicant's representative during a telephone interview today. To expedite the allowance of the subject application, applicant has amended claim 4 and presented its elements in an indentation format. Applicant respectfully submits that the above claim amendments are formal in nature and do not narrow the scope of any element contained in the claim.

In view of the above amendments, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is believed to have been overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully solicited.

In light of the foregoing, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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